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The Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S W
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re STB Docket No AB-471 (Sub-No. 1X), South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc – Abandonment Exemption -- In Neosho and Wilson Counties, KS

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

By decision and notice of interim trail use or abandonment (“NITU”), served on January 24, 2008, the Board reopened this proceeding and authorized a 180-day period for Sunflower Recreational Trails, Inc (“SRT”), to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement with South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad, Inc (“SKO”), for the 19-mile rail line authorized for abandonment in this proceeding (the “Line”) The negotiating period expired on July 22, 2008

SKO hereby requests the Board to extend the NITU negotiating period for an additional 180 days Although the negotiating period has expired, SKO has not consummated the abandonment of the Line and the parties are continuing to negotiate an agreement.

Where, as here, the carrier has not consummated abandonment and the parties are willing to continue trail use negotiations, the Board retains jurisdiction and the NITU negotiating period may be extended

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Morell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Morell

cc Thomas F McFarland, Esq.